House Resolution No. 4333

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Charles Goodson, a resident of Ravenwood, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Eightieth Birthday with a special celebration on August 17, 2003, at the Ravenwood Community Hall; and

Whereas, on August 21, 1923, near Ravenwood, God brought a special gift to the Goodson family with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Charles, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Charles Goodson had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life, such as his marriage on December 27, 1951, to Leanna Thornton, and the birth of their only child; and

Whereas, God has blessed Charles Goodson with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Leanna Goodson; one son, Dr. Freelon Todd Goodson and his wife, Lori; and two granddaughters, Ann Elizabeth and Caroline Jewell of Manhattan, Kansas; and

Whereas, a retired farmer, Charles Goodson is known, admired, and respected for serving his country as a Staff Sergeant stationed in Korea during World War II; and

Whereas, a member and Deacon of the First Baptist Church in Stanberry, Charles Goodson is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Charles Goodson at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri octogenarian Charles Goodson, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by
District No. 4
I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4333, adopted October 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker